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I would like to welcome you and your family to El Paso, Texas and take a moment to highlight a few issues about housing. The USASMA does **not** manage on-post housing for students; quarters are managed by a civilian contracted company named, GMH. All students who desire to live in on post housing must fill out an online housing application at www.ftblissfamilyhousing.com, for more information you can contact GMH at (915) 564-0795. **Students may submit applications as of 1 Dec 06, the application deadline is 1 April 07.**

It is important that you submit your application at the earliest opportunity, you will be placed on the housing list based on the date you submit your application to GMH! Make sure you state that you are assigned to the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy as a student.

Certain considerations have been implemented by GMH for Soldiers returning from hardship tours or combat zones, and those that have special needs family housing. These Soldiers will be given the earliest opportunity for family housing. Soldiers must provide proof of hardship assignment or combat tour verification. The sooner your application is received the higher priority you will be given for on post housing. **All applications must be received before 1 April 07.**

GMH is a privatized housing organization and is not tied into the Defense Finance Accounting Allotment System. Therefore, students must sign a lease and pay GMH an up front prorated rent payment from the day the lease is signed to the end of the month or until your allotment takes affect the following month. GMH will establish subsequent rent payments by allotment. Payment for the pro-rated rent to GMH must be made by credit card, money order, certified check or cash. **Personal checks are not accepted.**

There is a shortage of on-post housing; therefore some students will have to live off-post. It is in your best interest to have more than one plan of action prior to your arrival here at the Academy.

Without a doubt, it is a great experience for every service member to bring their family with them to Fort Bliss. However, this will require some research and preparation to make the transition a smooth one. Take the time to visit the GMH web site and read the student guide to better prepare you and your family for your move to Fort Bliss.

You will receive further correspondence from me or the A Company Commander in the near future. Please reference the USASMA website for all information regarding your time at the Academy, it is fairly detailed and contains many important links relevant to your stay.

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Sincerely,

CSM, USA
Battalion Commander